

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Pete Rossi <wa3nna@resuba.com>
Subject: [18133] ** 20 METER QRP BEACON REPORT **
Message-ID: <199704240436.AAA20420@resuba.com>

Here is the summary report for the 20 meter QRP test beacon which ran on
Easter Sunday - March 30, 1997

Sorry for the delay in getting this report out. I had to leave for out
of town business 2 days after the beacon and was away for 2 weeks.. and
things have been pretty crazy at work since I got back...

BEACON DESCRIPTION

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This beacon test made use of the same automatic power sequencer used in the
previous beacon sessions. This sequencer permits the transmitter to be set
at up to 6 different power levels. Custom software which drives it simply
does the following:

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DO FOREVER
  READ THE TIME OF DAY
  SELECT AND SET THE TX POWER LEVEL (based on minutes past the hour)
  CONSTRUCT AND SEND CW MESSAGE FOR THE SELECTED POWER LEVEL
END
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That's about all there is to it. The power controller has 5 relays which
select one of 5 pots used to set 5 different power levels. The 6th power
level is produced with with all 5 relays off (uses internal TX pot).
Very "low tech" but effective.

The controlling computer is a home-built Motorola 6800 system that I
designed and built back in 1979 (pre-PC days). The software is written
in 6800 assembly language. It includes provisions for keying the
transmitter at each power level for calibration, setting the power level
and code word messages for each level, and setting the CW sending speed.

COMMENTS

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Band conditions must have been pretty bad. The A index was 16 according
to one report which is not good. This probably did not help matters as

nobody reported hearing less than 20 mW. Seemed that most of the report were either 2 Watts or 20 mW. I was surprised that nobody broke the 100,000 mile/watt level when we had several 2-3-4 million miles/watt reports on 80 and 40 meters in the past. I think the combination of poor conditions and it being Easter Sunday added to the low turnout.

But as expected, there were no reports much closer than 600 miles. Many in the 1700-2000 mile range and one 3500 mile report from Europe!

Beacon "regular" Joel, WA1QVM who regularly could hear the 100 microwatts in Concord MA on 80 and 40 reported no trace of the beacon at the several times he listened. Also had a report of no copy from W2GUM, Tony, in Melbourne, FL but I suspect that this may have been a case of bad timing since I would expect the signal to be heard at that distance if the band was "open". But then again, Tony was almost directly off the side of the antenna.

All in all, from the comments in the reports, I got the impression that even the 2 watt beacon was rough copy at many locations. Many reports of noisy conditions.

All in all received only 16 reports (including 2 reports of no copy, and one that did not include a codeword). The 13 complete reports were from 9 states and 2 countries; VE7 and Germany.

AL AZ CO GA LA MO MT NM TX + VE7 DJ3

Once again there was a wide representation of rigs and antennas. I would like to come up with an orderly way to report more detailed information but if there are a decent volume of reports, it is difficult to present the information in a clear that is easy to read, and it quickly get out of hand. I will try to extract highlights of comments from the reports and include station descriptions from some of the lower power level reports.. as time permits.

I keep all of the e-mail received for each beacon in separate mail folders and if anyone ever wants to review all of the reports in detail, I can forward a copy of the complete e-mail folder to you.

CERTIFICATES and QSL CARDS
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Certificates confirming reception of your lowest power level codeword received will be available. Jerry, W4UK (ex W4UKU) has once again offered to print them. Due to the relatively small turnout, certificates will be

available following the next beacon.

Reminder: Anyone who either requested a certificate from a previous beacon and never received it, or who did not request one but would like one, just drop me some e-mail and we can print one for you. Just send your name/call and the date of the beacon.

FUTURE BEACONS

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I hope to do at least 2 more beacons this spring but work is keeping me pretty busy and I am never quite sure when I will be around. I am going to try for something over the weekend of May 3-4

At a minimum I expect to be running a full-weekend 20 meter beacon, probably towards late May but would also like to squeeze in something else if my weekend schedule allow it.

And now the report details...

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40 METER QRP BEACON SUMMARY REPORT

1300z Sunday Mar 30 - 0100z Monday Mar 31 1997

Solar flux 75

A-index 16

WA3NNA/B

14062 KHz

16 Northwood Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073

15 miles west of Philadelphia

FM29hx

Lat. 39 59 6 N

Long. 75 22 46 W
Elev. 415' ASL

Newtown Square coordinates from QRP-L (used in all calculations below)
(I am aprox 1 mile east of this location)

Lat. 39 59 12 N
Long. 75 24 05 W

Transmitter power: The transmitter power was controlled automatically; set at 5 different levels; 2 minutes at each level, (4 minutes at 200 uW) according to the following schedule. A different codeword was sent at each power level. Power output levels were set using TEK 453 scope and 50 ohm dummy load. Power levels 10mW thru 1 watt were also checked with OHR WM-1 watt meter and a 50 ohm dummy load.

----- minutes past hour -----					power	-reference level-	
						(100W)	(2W)
:00-02	:12-14	:24-26	:36-38	:48-50	2 W	-17 dB	0 dB
:02-04	:14-16	:26-28	:38-40	:50-52	200 mW	-27 dB	-10 dB
:04-06	:16-18	:28-30	:40-42	:52-54	20 mW	-37 dB	-20 dB
:06-08	:18-20	:30-32	:42-44	:54-56	2 mW	-47 dB	-30 dB
:08-12	:20-24	:32-36	:44-48	:56-60	200 uW	-57 dB	-40 dB

TX antenna : Tri-band rotatable dipole (driven element from a TH6) @ 70'
125' 9913 coax feed, oriented aprox 65/245 degrees.

Message Format:

VVV VVV <power> <4 letter codeword> DE WA3NNA/B QRP

The codeword was repeated 2 times at the 200 microwatt power level.

I have listed the stations copying the codeword grouped at each power level and then listed in order of miles/watt.

Congratulations to the following who successfully copied the codeword "PARK" at 20 milliwatts.

CALL	NAME	LOCATION	DATE/TIME	MILES	MILES/WATT
N7GS	Mal Goosey	Bozeman MT	MAR 30 2217	1831	91,550
K0FRP	Al Dawkins	Aurora CO	MAR 30 2053	1553	77,650
AC5AM	Robert L. Stolzle	Natchitoches LA	MAR 30 1841	1138	56,900
KR0I	Mac MacDonald	Independence MO	MAR 30 2017	1012	50,600
N4SO	Ken Brown	Mobile AL	MAR 30 1345	980	49,000
K4JPN	Steve Ray	Warner Robins GA	MAR 30 1748	693	34,650

The following successfully copied the 200 milliwatt codeword "HUNT"

CALL	NAME	LOCATION	DATE/TIME	MILES	MILES/WATT
W5XE	Ray Colbert	El Paso TX	MAR 30 2103	1819	9,095

The following successfully copied the 2 watt codeword "EGGS"

CALL	NAME	LOCATION	DATE/TIME	MILES	MILES/WATT
DJ3XF	Wolf	50.42N 7.11E	MAR 30 1624	3571	1,786
VE7SL	Steve McDonald	Mayne Island BC	MAR 30 1713	2403	1,202
K50N	Gary Ochrell	Albuquerque NM	MAR 30 1317	1721	860
W2CL	Charles Lafkoff	Spring TX	MAR 30 0231	1318	659
NR3E	David Kreinberg	Lewisville TX	MAR 30 1748	1286	643
W4UK	Jerry Flanders	North Augusta GA	MAR 30 1812	574	287

No codeword:

WA7LNW	Jack Reed	Glendale AZ	MAR 30 1714	2067	1,034
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The following submitted "no copy" reports

WA1QVM	Joel Malman	Concord MA	MAR 30 ----	271	----
W2GUM	Tony Colaguori	Melbourne FL	MAR 30 ----		----

*** Send me your suggestions for future beacons ***

Stay tuned to QRP-L for future announcements.

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Until next time, 73 and happy listening!

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From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Wayneb1103@aol.com
Subject: [18186] 38S - gett'n close
Message-ID: <970424182939_85786816@emout17.mail.aol.com>

Well, its been grueling. Both the tick keyer and 5 watt mods are in. Getting about 5 watts out and varified a clean output from a local station so the transmit side is done and the keyer is working just fine.

Most of my problems now have been centered around T1, I think. Anyway, I have rewound that transformer so many times I ran out of the supplied wire. Of course what I have on hand is about a size larger and a size smaller wire. Couldn't get enough turns on the torrid with the larger so went to the smaller. So far I have removed 3 turns checking the radio each time.

Where I am at now is as follows:

- Still no 2 peaks, stations same audio strength on both sides of null.
- Keyer sidetone clearing up.
- Keyer programming tones way down at 17 turns from when the coil was at 18 turns.
- Audio is way down with RF gain full up.

The audio is really down but sounds clean. I can hear a lot of stations working way back in there and occasionally one signal will be loud enough to listen to comfortably.

Checked the audio in and out (pins 2 and 1) with a scope and the amp seems to be working. Noise going in, lotsof audio coming out - gain wise. Shorting R24 helps a little.

I am going to pull another turn off the coil, still looking for for the twin peaks but more concerned with the audio. Have I got two problems here or will fixing T1 clear up the audio?

Tired but still trying...

Wayne WB7WHI
Spokane, Wa.

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: John Yarbrough <jyarbro@radia1.com>
Subject: [18166] 40 Meter Beacons
Message-ID: <1.5.4.32.19970424180409.0070c0e8@radia1.com>

Funny, I hear lots of beacons on 40 meters every night... some are in Russian, some are in French, some are in ... well you get the picture...

Cheers es Beers
KR4RO
Radio Free Marietta

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: fmathews@norfolk.infi.net (Frank Matthews)
Subject: [18160] 40 Meter Beacons?
Message-ID: <v01530500af85568abb18@[208.131.169.238]>

Being a new "qwerp" (as my wife calls me), I wanted to know if there are any 40 Meter beacons at present or in the near future transmitting? If so what frequency and when? Also...what is the QTH if you know?

Thanks

Frank

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From: Joel Malman <malman@BBN.COM>
Subject: [18141] 50/40/30 schedule
Message-ID: <199704241129.HAA35997@nss2.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

Advance notice of 50/40/30 schedule for next Thursday 1 May 97:

WA1QVM from Ma will be on the air starting 1 May (USA Time):

30m	2300-0100	(7pm-9pm EDT)	10.115-10.116
40m	0100-0300	(9pm-11pm EDT)	7.041- 7.042

These frequencies appear to be pretty quiet (at least they are not dominated by digital stuff) here in New England at the times specified. The last state I need is Hawaii, so any KH6, PLEASE try to listen for me.

72,

/joel wa1qvm (malman@bbn.com ... Concord, Ma.)
WIMPS: Qs=041 30m=039 17m=02 12m=00 States=12/01/00 DX=18/01/00

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: "J.B. Fox" <w5hir@mail.phoenix.net>
Subject: [18185] 6Mtr Regency Xceivers
Message-ID: <199704242229.RAA24342@raid2.fddi.phoenix.net>

Whoever sent the For sale on the Regency Xceivers, please send me an e-mail. I replied to your FS message, and forgot to save yours. I haven't heard from my offer. I was gone out of town with about 450 messages waiting to be disposed of. Perhaps I eliminated a reply on error.

regards,

foxy- w5hir@mail.phoenix.net

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Doug Hendricks <ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us>
Subject: [18130] 73 & World Radio
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19970423203326.0069710c@telis.org>

The last time that I checked the circulation of 73, it was around 24,000. The last time that I checked Worled Radio, it had a circulation of 36,000.

Also, World Radio did a survey and most responses checked that they read the QRP column by Rich Fisher. In fact, I think that Rich is one of the most widely read columnists of the 4 major magazines, QST, CQ, World Radio, and 73. The order that they are listed is the order of their current circulation, I believe.

You will note that Roy Gregson, Paul Harden, Bob Dyer and Dick Witzke all advertise in every issue of World Radio. The reason? They get a response there. Smart businessmen spend their advertising dollars where it gets results.

One thing that we all need to do at Dayton is to stop by all of the booths of the magazines and make a comment on how much we enjoy the QRP articles and columns. Tell Armand Noble of World Radio that you love Rich Fisher's column and that he should have more space. Tell Wayne Green the same thing about Mike Bryce's column in 73. Stop by the CQ booth and ask why Dave Ingram doesn't have a column in CQ every month on QRP. And find one of the ARRL guys (they will be easy, as they will be the only ones dressed in 3 piece suits) and tell them how much you like the QRP articles they have done in the last year, and ask them to find room for a monthly QRP column. I imagine that there are 2 to 3 hundred reading this list that will be going to Dayton. Just think of the impact that it will have if we all stop by and give our QRP authors a boost!

And, while I am thinking of it, don't forget Rob Manion of Practical Wireless. He will be in the booth right across from the QRP booths of G-QRP/NorCal, Michigan QRP Club, and QRP ARCI. Tell him you want more of George Dobbs and more QRP projects. Spread the word and keep together. Thank them for their efforts, compliment them on their product, and ask for more QRP. Remember you catch many more flies with sweet syrup than you do vinegar. 72, Doug, KI6DS

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Cecil A Moore <Cecil_A_Moore@ccm.ch.intel.com>
Subject: [18113] 75M Phased Vertical Wire Beam

I'm located near Phoenix, AZ and use a G5RV. I can hear two simultaneous QSOs going on on 3850, one consisting of CA hams and one consisting of TX hams. They don't interfere with each other but I can't talk to either group without interfering with the other group. My goal is to put up a 75M beam that can be switched east/west in the same area presently occupied by my G5RV on two 37ft poles. Check out what I came up with at:

<http://people.delphi.com/CecilMoore/75m2elvp.htm>

Hopefully it will solve my problem and with a horizontal beamwidth of 150 degrees times two, it covers almost all directions.

73, Cecil, W6RCA, OOTC

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Jeff Grudin <grudin@pacific.vdbs.com>
Subject: [18149] A new ham in our ranks!
Message-ID: <335F6E64.62A9@pacific.vdbs.com>

Well I got to be a proud pappa again. This last weekend my 9 year old daughter got her tech plus ticket. So if you hear KF6KLI/QRP in the novice band, give her a shout (sloooooowly).

I don't know what I'm so happy about, Ham radio just got twice as expensive, Hi Hi.

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73 de Jeff AC6KW
grudin@vdbs.com

QRP-L #16	Private Practice : Companion Animals and
Exotics	
Norcal QRP #1292	Ocean Animal Clinic / Cat Clinic of Santa
Cruz	
	Santa Cruz,
California	

QRP'ers do it with less energy (but lot's of enthusiasm)!

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: "W. D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Subject: [18154] A new ham in our ranks!
Message-ID: <970424161455_70511.3041_IHD37-2@CompuServe.COM>

Jeff:

I will be among those guys happy to work this new ham. When does she operate, and what frequencies as a Novice? Will be happy to slow way down to help her out, and even to attempt a sked if that would be useful. Congratulations to both her and you!

72/73,

--Doc/K0EVZ qrp-1 861 norcal 2050 cqc 414 mn-qrp 19 nj-qrp 69
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ak/qrp

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: "James R.Sharp" <lobar@doitnow.com>
Subject: [18122] Another LDG AT11 kit received
Message-ID: <199704240124.SAA29594@in1.doitnow.com>

My AT11 kit was at my QTH when I got arrived from work.
Now I have to figure out how to reschedule six hours of other activity
so I can put it together.

Jim in Peoria, Arizona KC7GHP

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##### "He who would trade liberty for security #####  
##### deserves neither!" #####  
##### Benjamin Franklin #####  
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James R.Sharp
lobar@doitnow.com

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Larry East <w1hue@amsat.org>
Subject: [18182] Another virus?
Message-ID: <2.2.16.19970424215500.280705d2@e1oi>

I believe the following to be on the up-and-up and not another "virus scam"
since it came from our in-house "virus eradicators". Better forewarned than
sorry...

> Notice: AOL4FREE.COM is a file that may be transferred by e-mail as an
> attachment that has the ability to delete all files on your hard drive if
> opened or executed. The file CANNOT be opened/executed by opening the e-mail
> message! The attached file must be opened/executed by the user in order to
> damage a system. If the file is opened/executed, pressing the keys Ctrl & C
> simultaneously will terminate the program and save some of your files. Any
> deleted files may not be recovered.
>
> DO NOT open/execute the file AOL4FREE.COM. Delete the file immediately.
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> The claimed intent of this file was to allow an individual to circumvent

> the charging associated with the use of America On-Line services.
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From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Jim/N0UR <LAGESON@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: [18187] Anyone want a QSL?
Message-ID: <19970424224810.AAA13302@LOCALNAME>

Does anyone who worked N0UR/0 (ND) during the QRP ARCI contest want a qsl card? I made up a special card (which "I" think is pretty clever) and after the initial pile of requests (thanks for the sase's) have come and gone I have plenty left. If you would like me to send you a card just email a request at LAGESON@worldnet.att.net. Just give me the qso info and your address and I'll send one out (5 for a buck not a bad deal).

72's and good luck this weekend with QRP TTF, I hope to get on a little.

Jim

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: wa5whn@juno.com (Jay D Miller)
Subject: [18174] At T minus 40 hours until QRPTTF & counting. (W5BI & WA5WHN)
Message-ID: <19970424.135802.4559.0.wa5whn@juno.com>

QRP-Lers,

Just think, in less than 40 hours, the melodious tones (cw included) will be ricocheting through the upper atmosphere, for QRPTTF.

Let's see, we have 2 electrical storms due in, over the site, during QRPTTF, plus the Tornado warnings had gone up, just NE of here (west of Amarillo, Tx.). Now we will start down through the check list. W5BI calls & wants to make sure I have the antennas disassembled and packed (check), provisions for 2 People for 15 days, or for 30 People in 1 day. Tent, and sleeping (waterproof) bag & pad packed with an extra set of clothes. The primary site is full of mud (For those of you who have never experienced driving in caliche clay, You are in for a treat. You will dig all 4 tires in, and the tires will spin like slicks.) We will head for the secondary site (Near Jack's Peak, - The other one, for You Chaps in Arizona.), NE of Ancho, New Mexico, which overlooks the Corona debris field, in the Lincoln National Forest. 2 HF radios packed, 2 deep cycle batteries (115

Amp/hr.) From this site, we can look east & see the 2nd Corona debris field, and look SW & view the war games now taking place @ White Sands Missile Range (Missiles have the right a-way.) It's a good thing we had that fine training, for cold wx, during FYBO. 2 rolls of toilet paper packed with shovel (check). The Wx People are telling us a high of 60 degrees F & a low @ night of 36 degrees F. We will be at 7,500 feet asl. Spare connectors, different mating connectors, fuses, UHF/VHF frequencies loaded (146.61 repeater W5YFN, El Capitan) (check)). Winter gear packed, since the Wx broadcast just said "Snow above 8,500 feet asl", with the possibility of severe thunderstorms. Hmmm, maybe Riley, NM did not look that bad, last year, with the wind & heat. Now we get the wind/hail/missiles/cold/rain/thunderboomers for this year's event.

WB5LYJ just said "You 2 boys go have fun (W5BI & I) whilst I stay in the warmth of my home." Hmmm, will we win this year's "Darwin Award" ? :-)

GPS coordinates loaded (check). Hot chocolate with the tiny marshmallows packed (check).

This is quite a change, from last year when the wind blew @ over 50 mph & the temperature was above 85 degrees F, in Riley, NM (Ghost Town).

Vehicle is fueled (Right Gary ?), water packed (check).

Mr. Torrell (official QRP-L solar prognosticator) informs us that there will be geomagnetic storms (quiet to active) during this event. Hmmm, double check to see if the 10 meter QRP radios are packed.

Flashlights (check), plastic trash bags (check).

Download the MUF map early Friday morning (will do).

If You hear a weak station, during QRPTTF, that identifies themselves as either W5BI or WA5WHN, You will know that we had made it.

T minus 40 hours & counting...Jay, WA5WHN

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: "Glenn E. Scott" <scotty@facade.adm.clarkson.edu>
Subject: [18139] Field Day
Message-ID: <3FC7A13881@FACADE.ADM.CLARKSON.EDU>

Hi guy's,
Could someone do me a favor and tell what the rules are to this week-ends Qrp field day. I have lost my copy and I can't print off the

web. Darn computer is on the blink again. So if someone could send me a location of where to get a copy, I will get someone else here at work to print them off for me.

I would appreciate all responses via E-mail directly to me, cause I get Qrp-1 via the digest and it doesn't come until late.

Many thanks in advance and good luck in the contest. Hope to work all of you. (that's wishful thinking ,huh)

" 73 " N2ULU (GLENN SCOTT)

QRP-L #403, NE QRP #448, NCARC

Scotty@facade.adm.clarkson.edu

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997

From: Doug Hendricks <ki6ds@dpol.k12.ca.us>

Subject: [18184] Flying with radio gear or Up Against the wall!

Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19970424150522.006bedec@telis.org>

It was Dayton 1995. I flew with Vern Wright, Jim Cates, Steve Cates, and Roy Campbell. It was cold and rainy the day that we left, and I had a heavy jacket on, plus a rain coat, and was cold and miserable after spending the morning out in the steady rain of Dayton.

As we approached the security gate of the airport, I was the last in line. Vern, Jim, Steve and Roy all passed right through. I mentioned to the guard that I had electronic gear in my luggage that was ham gear. Then, I emptied my pockets and went through the detector. Bells went off. Please step through again. So, I checked my pockets and they were empty, I stepped through again. Bells again. This time there was a female security officer standing there. She took one look at the X-Ray monitor and asked me to step forward. She had a wand in her hand and started to move it over my body. Suddenly, it buzzed. Right over my chest.

"What do you have under your coat?"

"Nothing"

"Ok, are you right or left handed?"

"Right why?"

"I'll ask the questions, sir."

"Ok" (Meanwhile my friends have noticed my predicament and are starting to point and giggle.

"Very slowly, with your left hand, unbutton your coat."

I complied and then realized what the problem was. MY CAMERA!! I had it around my neck on a lanyard and forgot about it. I started to reach for it, not thinking.

"STOP!! Don't Move!!"

"Ma'am, it is just a camera."

"Ok, very carefully, pull out the camera, then."

The guard was very attentive and had her hand on her weapon. I was nervous

and a little scared. My buddies? They were dying in the background loving every minute of my search!! It all ended well. As soon as she saw the camera, she asked me to remove it and then put the wand on me again. Finally, I was "clean", and allowed to pass.

I am appreciative of the care that they take at airports. It has been my experience that they take things seriously and are not "just for show". Now I declare my radios before I go through, and I make sure that I have nothing on me that will set off the detector.

72, Doug, KI6DS (by the way I will not mention that I am heading for Area 51 when I get on the airplane Friday night!!)

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
Subject: [18177] HamCom in TX
Message-ID: <199704242126.QAA29496@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Joe in NC asked me and since I thought there might be some interest to the group in general, I'll post to all.

HamCom this year is June 6,7,8 1997 at the Arlington Convention Center. This year marks the 20th year. They have a web site setup <http://www.hamcom.org>

Friday 5-9pm flea markets open
Saturday 7am-5pm flea markets open and commercial exhibits
Sunday 7:30am-2pm flea markets and commercial exhibits

I checked the web site and I don't see a specific time yet listed for the QRP Forum. I am personally flying in Doug Hendricks and Paul Harden for this event, so we will have a meeting of the minds in Dallas in June and these guys will put on a great program.

So, if you are in the area and have any money left after Dayton, then you gotta make the trip.

FYI

Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com
<http://reality.sgi.com/adams/>
WIMPS: Qs=026 30m=21 17m=5 12m=0 States=17/05/00 DX=02/00/00 QSLs=005

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: James Parsons <k5rov1@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: [18150] Help with ZIP file
Message-ID: <335F7E2D.24D4@worldnet.att.net>

I am using Netscape 3.0, or actually it is the AT&T version, which is the same except for the logo info. I think they refer to it as a "co-sponsered" version.

I am unable to download any ZIP file from the addresses I get from E-mail messages, except addresses with a suffix of txt, doc types. But if I try to get a file ending in exe, I get a message that says "SERVER ERROR". If I try to get a file ending in "ZIP", nothing happens, and netscape immediately says "DOCUMENT DONE", although nothing has happened, and there is no time for it to download anything.

I have had no trouble downloading zip files from an Internet pages. But, if I go to the Newsgroup lists, either directly, or through an address as in the attached message, I just cannot get a zip file to download.

Anyone got any ideas? I sure would like to get HamCalc-27. But, I cannot get any files that end in zip or exe from these newsgroup lists.

Thanks and 73...

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James (Jim), Parsons, K5ROV
k5rov1@worldnet.att.net
EX: W1RLA, K5FBB, K4FEO, SV0WN (CRETE), SV0WN (RHODES),
DL4NC, DL4JP, KA2FC (JAPAN), KA2JP (JAPAN).
JOHN 3:16

Michael Tracy wrote:

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> <http://oak.oakland.edu:8080/pub/hamradio/arrl/bbs/programs/hcal-27.zip>

I take that back - it seems that I forgot to send this file over!
Version 15 is there now, but I'll get version 27 on oakland by tomorrow morning.

73, Michael Tracy, KC1SX

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Niel Skousen <nskousen@scientechnology.com>
Subject: [18151] HT-750 Info/Manual/feedback sought
Message-ID: <2.2.32.19970424153732.006b31b4@eaglerock.if.scientechnology.com>

I'm looking for feedback and information on the HT-750. Considering the purchase of one (w/o manual..)

Any comment / input welcome..

Niel

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Niel Skousen: Sr.Eng, SCIENTECH.SPG/CFG nskousen@scientech.com
208.525.3742, FAX 529.4721 Idaho Falls ID WA7SSA QRP-L.119
Z-----DN33wm--- . . . -

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: "Thomas J. Whalen" <whalen@swcp.com>
Subject: [18170] HW-8 value?,QRPTTF
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.970424130725.17577A-100000@kitsune.swcp.com>

Hello Fellow Qrper,s! A buddy of mine has and HW-7,8 and 9. Im interested in buying the HW-9, but he will not part! He does say that he will trade me the HW-8 for a Butternut HV-6 that I have. Would that be a fair trade? I figure the HV-6 to be worth about 75 bucks.

QRPTTF is coming up soon, and I cant wait! I hope 10m will be open. Someone mentioned using a Bi-square antenna for this contest. This is a good antenna and I have used on for 15m years ago. One may also want to try a "Lazy H" antenna. This was probably the best wire antenna I have ever used and works well on several bands. One just needs a couple of high trees(Lombardi Poplars work well)!

72, and good luck in the contest, Tom WB5QYT

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: timcook@erinet.com
Subject: [18111] Index Labs QRP+
Message-ID: <335E9742.56BC@erinet.com>

does anyone know if it is still possible to get an eprom update for an original qrp+? I am concerned about the cw keying characteristics especially when using an external keyer above 30-35 wpm. Did Index Labs make any change the firmware on the later units of the first version (1000+ ser. no.)? Thanks for any info

Tim
NZ8J

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: joerg.behrens@ubs.com
Subject: [18137] Jeff's NW8020
Message-ID: <H000058205a0d9ec@MHS>

--MimeMultipartBoundary
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1; name="message-781127"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
Subject: [18167] K5FO URL
Message-ID: <199704241841.NAA28623@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Gang,

Well, after two days of sitting at the keyboard and installation of lots of little bitty pieces of software here and there that over many years have come to become daily friends, I think I have a working system back to 6GB. Months of having only 500MB was tough. :-)

So in the process I managed to break a few URL links, I'm sure.

Note the new web address for Chuck Adams, K5FO,

<http://reality.sgi.com/adams>

If you have visited before, you need to revisit to look at the latest photos of the WBL Design paddle and the Pixie 2 project. The latter still work in progress.

I apologize for the many bookmarks that have to be changed, but changes happen.

Also, after manufacturing a few, Stan at WBL is going to raise the price to \$130 + \$6 S&H on the new V22. He finally figured out that his costs were slightly higher. It is still well worth the price.

Two days and counting.

dit dit

Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com
<http://reality.sgi.com/adams/>

WIMPS: Qs=026 30m=21 17m=5 12m=0 States=17/05/00 DX=02/00/00 QSLs=005

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: af852@rgfn.epcc.Edu (William R Colbert)
Subject: [18155] MFJ259
Message-ID: <9704241619.AA03542@rgfn.epcc.Edu>

Hello all. I just recently purchased a MFJ259 in anticipation of rebuilding my phased array for 80-17 meters and to aid in the many construction projects that pop up with coils, etc. Well, starting on the antenna project, I have run in to a small problem. I recently used the unit to set a friends Butternut HF5v to the right frequencies. However, in trying to do the same with my antennas, I have found that the unit is not really usable due to a high RF field. I Both meters were /are pegged out. I live about 100m from a 5 kw broadcast transmitter with a 4 tower array. Any suggestions as to how to reduce the amount of RF so that some usable readings can be obtained? Would an inline attenuator (B & W) with multiple switching give enough reduction in the rf field and still allow the MFJ259 to function? Any suggestions are appreciated.
72/73 Ray

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Ray Colbert, W5XE, SOWP 1064M, OOTC 3618, FISTS 2146
El Paso, Tx

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: K4AHK@ix.netcom.com
Subject: [18118] Mrx-40
Message-ID: <335EADFF.F6@ix.netcom.com>

In response to several people who asked questions about the Mrx-40 receiver kit:

It is offered by the Columbus Ohio QRP Club - 'CQrp'.

Send \$18.00 for each kit to:
Steve Bornstein - K8IDN
475 East North Broadway
Columbus, OH - 43214

Complete information may be seen at the CQrp web site along with photos.

<http://www.infinet.com/~len/cqrp1.html>

I plan to mount mine in a small plastic box from radio shack along with a 9-volt battery. The receiver board is too small to have convenient mounting holes so I will probably try sticking it to the back side of the front panel with a few drops of hot melt glue - one drop at the top of each pot and a few drops along the edge of the PC board.

72 - Bill, K4AHK

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: John Yarbrough <jyarbro@radia1.com>
Subject: [18143] Mrx-40
Message-ID: <1.5.4.32.19970424134838.007102b4@radia1.com>

What a neat little rcvr! I can hardly wait to build my Micronaut (waiting for a crystal)... No problems in construction. I used sockets for the 612 and the 380 mainly because I had them. It makes for a tight fit for C9, but no real problem. The only complaint I have is that it doesn't fit in an Altoids Tin, so I'm off to the supermarket to find a suitable food product for my new receiver.

One more tip for those of you who put projects into such containers - buy a Culinaire "Safety Can" opener. This opener cuts the seal of the can rather than the can itself. The lid then lifts off and can be replaced easily. I cook a lot and bought it originally because it doesn't allow can tops to drop back into the can and contaminate the contents. It's also very safe. No one can cut themselves on the top or the lip of the can. But it's real neat for projects. I'm not a stake holder in Culinaire, just a very satisfied customer.

Cheers es Beers, KR4RO
Radio Free Marietta

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: "Len W. Tough" <len@infinet.com>
Subject: [18153] mTx-40? Matching Xmitter kit for MRX-40? We'll see!
Message-ID: <199704241549.LAA04294@mail1.infinet.com>

Hi Gang.

Thanks to all those that have sent reports regarding the MRX-40 mini

From: Gary Sehne <gxs@cypress.com>
Subject: [18183] My apologies to the list
Message-ID: <199704242159.QAA08057@diamond.cadc.cypress.com>

I crossposted to wrong list meant for cameras. My apologies.- Gary Sehne N2KTY

Regards, Gary Voice: (512)418-4213
gxs@cypress.com FAX: (512)418-4201

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: "Jeff M. Gold" <JMG@tntech.edu>
Subject: [18161] N38S->N38S
Message-ID: <01II30LIXST48WYHN4@tntech.edu>

Was just testing out my N38S before shipping it out. turned on the power and heard K5PY. The band has been terrible in my part of the woods. got him first shot.. he was also on a N38S. his signal was real weak.. but we had a nice QSO.. that little rig sure works well, and I sure like that Tick keyer.. think I made a mistake in putting this up for sale.. have to build something else really soon :*)

72
Jeff, AC4HF

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: torell@sicom.com (Kent Torell)
Subject: [18173] PROP: Area 51
Message-ID: <v02130501af855c38e609@[192.91.202.41]>

General forecast. Today (Thursday) there is some geomagnetic storming going on. This is not expected to affect daytime operations much, but night time MUF will be depressed over high latitude paths. This should quiet out by the weekend. Expect normal conditions for the weekend. Some sporadic E has been reported during the days.

Special ioncap runs to select locations from Area 51. Times in utc. 2500 utc means 0100 the next day.

Bainbridge Is., WA (home of aliens from Seattle)
Az 336. 40 meters early, starting at 1400. Path will fade

throughout the day.

Marfa, TX (alien headlights)

Az 125. 40 meters from 1300 - 1500, 2400-2500. 20 meters may open from 1700 - 2100. 30 meters would be ideal.

Little Bighorn, MT (site of alien massacre)

Az 37. 40 meters 1400-2500. Signals will fade from 1800-2330.

St. Joseph, MO (farthest known point away from alien sightings)

Az 80. 20 meters 1500 - 2500.

Mackinac Is., MI (home of alien fudge recipe)

Az 59. 20 meters 1500 - 2100.

Grover's Mill, NJ (purported alien landing site)

Az 72. Black hole...may get an opening on 20 meters from 2300-2100.

Gulf Breeze, FL (more alien lights at night)

Az 99. 20 meters 1300-2200. Signals will be varying throughout the day.

HAARP, Alaska (signals so strong, they must be alien...)

Az 335. 20 meters all day. Signals will peak at 2200-2300.

Kahuku Point, Hawaii (alien invasion observed by early radar)

Az 257. Weak opening on 20 meters around 1700. After the contest, 30 meters will be booming in from 0300 to 0600! :-)

Mexico City, Mexico (REAL aliens!)

Az 137. Some early activity, 1300-1500 on 20 meters, and again from 2100 to 2500. 15 will open from 2000 to 2500. After the contest, 30 meters again from 0400 to 1100!

Kent Torell torell@sicom.com 602-607-4852

SICOM 7585 E. Redfield, #202 Scottsdale, AZ 85260

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997

From: Jerry Brown <jmbrown@edge.net>

Subject: [18120] QRP to Field de MEXICO

Message-ID: <335EB541.D7@edge.net>

QRP operation is planned from XE1/KF4GKL from village about 120 miles

northwest of Mexico City. Will be taking time out from vacation bible school camp for kids (80 of the little guys and girls) from garbage dump nearer Mexico City. We'll be staying in bunk houses in an old hacienda dating from 1720's.

Hams on site:

Karen, XE1/KF4GKL
Alexia, XE1SOA (YL-14 years old)
Denise, XE1/KG0RC (Alexia's mom)
Angie, N6DXW
Jerry, N4E0

Location:

Mission Mazahua
ex- Hacienda Tepetillan
Atlatomolco, Mexico (State)
Mexico

Freq 14.060+/- @2000 GMT until ?

Tnx es 72,

Jerry N4E0 y todos

P.S. QSL via N4E0...yes, there are still some FYBO QSLs pending to a few of you, they will get to you soon. Recent trip to YI land (Kurdistan) has held me up in discharging several obligations.

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Kd0su@kktv.com
Subject: [18175] QRP TTF -- Snow
Message-ID: <199704242049.QAA113936@nss2.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

Did I tell you about the snow. Last year we had a few flakes come down on us, but we managed to sneak in a few contacts.

This may be different. Right now I have about 24 inches of new snow on the back deck, and it is still coming down. I am not sure we could even reach the chosen site on Saturday. I won't say I am a wimp, but I may be operating from the cool comfort of my basement come Saturday ;-(

Hope everyone has fun. I will be looking for you one way or another.

73, Rick
K0SU
Colorado Springs, CO
CQC #100 - MI QRP # 1284 - NORCAL #??
ARRL - AMSAT - SMIRK - 10-10

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Bob Patten <n4bp@shadow.net>
Subject: [18171] QRPTTF
Message-ID: <Pine.SOL.3.91.970424152210.19518B-100000@hyper>

Kinda mundane compared to other postings of wierd operating locations, but...

I'll be in there for whatever time I can spend from the Bermuda Triangle
(home QTH). Some really wierd stuff DOES go on in Fort Lauderdale...

Bob Patten, N4BP
Plantation, FL
n4bp@shadow.net
<http://www.shadow.net/~n4bp/n4bp.htm>

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Joel Malman <malman@BBN.COM>
Subject: [18178] QRPTTF Location
Message-ID: <199704242128.RAA30272@nss2.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

I will be operating near Harvard Square, Cambridge, Ma.... Home of Harvard
University and quite near to MIT and other fine institutions. If you have
ever walked the streets of Harvard Square, you would already know that there
aliens amongst us.

/joel wa1qvm (malman@bbn.com ... Concord, Ma.)
WIMPS: Qs=041 30m=039 17m=02 12m=00 States=12/01/00 DX=18/01/00

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Bob Kellogg <ae4ic@nr.infi.net>
Subject: [18152] QRPTTF site
Message-ID: <199704241542.LAA23111@mh004.infi.net>

Gang,

A few years ago Greensboro resident Fritz Klenner was suspected of murdering his in-laws in Tennessee. He was an armed Neo-Nazi type guy, so the police carefully crafted a plan to capture him. He smelled a rat and evaded the trap. He loaded his wife and two children into his van, and took off through NW Greensboro.

The police followed at a respectful distance radioing his location to the legion of squad cars in the area.

Suddenly, the van exploded with a tremendous blast. Later investigation showed Fritz and his wife had poisoned their children before blowing themselves to smithereens.

All of this is covered in detail in Jerry Bledsoe's best seller, "Bitter Blood", a documentary novel.

I plan to operate at least for a few hours from a park near where the van exploded. I know this story is tragic, and surely it's weird enough to qualify for the QRPTTF "Weird location"...?

Listen for the familiar call, AE4IC!! (Then, please answer it!) :-)

CUL,
Bob Kellogg, AE4IC, Greensboro, NC
Probably, but not necessarily. - Benny Hill
WIMPS: Qs=001 30m=1 17m=0 12m=0 States=01/00/00

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: kd4kzq@juno.com (Jim A Norsworthy)
Subject: [18179] Returning-TTF?
Message-ID: <19970424.162614.6815.6.kd4kzq@juno.com>

Hi Gang,

I think I'm back, for a little while till it crashes again. I thought that I was going into DIGEST mode but I got bumped altogether. I hate to sound real 'DUMB', doesn't matter with this great group, but what is TTF? Only here on qrp-1 do I get the chance to be dumb with friends and not regret it. Oops maybe the others aren't real friends. Thanks in advance.

P.S. It sure is good to be back, it'll be better when I get 14,400 PCMCIA phone cable from Intel.

TNX,
72/73 es CUL de Jim KD4KZQ
QRP-L # 1060 10-10 #66171
kd4kzq@juno.com
" Less is REALLY more" think about it

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Gary M - W2UX <MAIL4GARY@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: [18132] SALE: TOKYO HIGH POWER HT
Message-ID: <3.0.1.16.19970423120542.1c3fb884@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>

Hello gang.
Saw this on a local BBS dated 4/20 and thought I would pass it on. I know
some guys been looking for these units.

Tokyo Hight Power HT
40/15/10 meters
5 watts
Good condx.
with antennas for each band
comes with a 10 watt amp for 40 mtrs
also has a speaker/microphone with it.

Contact:
Bill - KD4IL in Fort Mill, SC
KD4IL@fmcil.net

Good luck.

73 / 72	QRP ARCI # 8911
Gary - W2UX	QRP-L # 593
Lexington, SC	CQC #413
(EX: WA2UAX)	
CW is the REAL THING!	Use it or lose it.

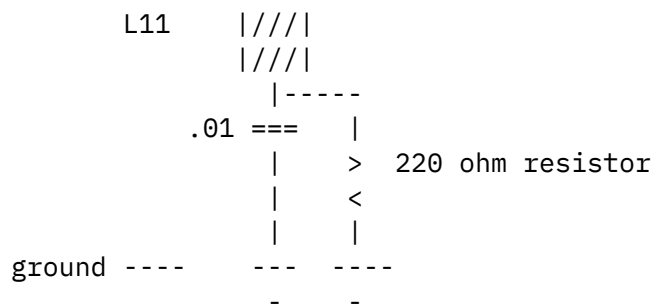
From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: talljazz@teleport.com (Dan Presley)

Subject: [18114] Sierra Mods

Message-ID: <v01530515af8443e7cf01@[206.163.124.204]>

Some folks have asked for clarification on the mods I posted here; sorry for the incomplete info! I'll try to sketch it out here.

The .01 cap and 220 ohm resistor both connect to the output of L11, where you have removed D11 & 12. I used the 'first' old hole for D11 and 'jumped' over to the 'last' hole for D12, where the new components connect to ground. I put the cap across the leads for the resistor, and then soldered the resistor in place.



I hope my lousy symbols come through ok!

Dan N7CQR

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997

From: Gary Sehne <gxs@cypress.com>

Subject: [18176] SUBMINI-L Digest - 22 Apr 1997 to 23 Apr 1997

Message-ID: <199704242120.QAA07782@diamond.cadc.cypress.com>

>From: John Brubaker <jbrubaker@MINDSPRING.COM>

>Subject: Re: quieting the "BOING"

>Gary - I've got three different Minolta 16's - model II and they all sound
>a little different. The most pronounced "Boing" sound comes from the one
>that's had the least "wear and tear".....

I've noticed the same thing, some models are quieter, I wonder if the older ones are quieter because the springs are no longer so stiff- I think the shutter speed is determined by delay between first & second shutter firing, as opposed to speed at which the blades travel.

I will try to take one of mine apart as well (probably my worst one...) and see if there's a way to soften it. Thanks to Tim Schultz who explained about the rubber dampers on the Minox springs, I've only taken my Minox apart

once, but not touched the spring area at all. The Minolta I've had apart several times, and am not intimidated by it. (No one should be...) let's see how creative our list is with this problem. John, please let us know how you fare.

Also, it would seem to me that one could adjust the lens mount slightly to move the optimal focus out from 8ft to maybe 11ft like the other Minolta-16p,s This may make it more versatile, but also screw up the ranges of the closeup and distance lenses... By the way, the Kiev 303 was much noisier than any of the Minoltas. (More sheet metal to echo the sound I think.)

Regards, Gary Voice: (512)418-4213
gxs@cypress.com FAX: (512)418-4201

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Joel Malman <malman@BBN.COM>
Subject: [18140] test
Message-ID: <199704241107.HAA132150@nss2.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

Testing 123, testing ...

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Bill Howell <bhowell@mail.utexas.edu>
Subject: [18116] Tnx to Scott Rosenfeld NF3I
Message-ID: <199704240019.TAA16782@mail.utexas.edu>

Many thanks to Scott, for doing the LDG autotuner group-purchase.
I'm sure it was a lot of work handling all the particulars is this venture.

Mine arrived Tuesday and I'm looking forward to building and using it!

Thanks again,

Bill Howell
University of Texas at Austin
Performing Arts Center
Electronic Maintenance
voice 512.471.1388
bhowell@mail.utexas.edu
N5ALO QRP-L #415

everything is sacred

nothing is serious

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Denton Larson <dlarson@ic.waseca.mn.us>
Subject: [18159] Too much time on the computer? (humor)
Message-ID: <1.5.4.32.19970424171753.006c6e78@ic.waseca.mn.us>

How can you tell you're spending too much time on your computer?

1. Your wife drapes a wig over your monitor to remind you of what she looks like.
2. You name your children Eudora, Mozilla, and Dotcom.
3. All of your friends have an @ in their names.
4. You tell the cab driver you live at
<http://123.elm.street/house/bluetrim.html>.
5. You never have to deal with the busy signals because you never log off.
6. You tell the kids they can't use the computer because "Daddy's got work to do" and you don't have a job.
7. You ask a plumber how much it would cost to replace the chair in front of your computer with a toilet.
8. Your spouse says communication is important in a marriage, so you buy another computer and install another phone line so that the two of you can chat
9. You start tilting your head sideways whenever you smile :).
10. Your computer goes down, you haven't logged in for two hours. You start to tremble. You pick up the phone and dial your Internet access number. You try to mimic computer noise in order to connect. You succeed.

Denton K. Larson dlarson@ic.waseca.mn.us
WB0ZUR QRP-L #414 QRP ARCI #9116 NORCAL #1563
Life Member ARRL
Waseca, Minnesota USA

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Stephen Krosner <skrosner@mindspring.com>
Subject: [18112] Transporting rigs
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.19970423192242.006b28d4@mindspring.com>

I'm sure that many of you constant travelers have already solved this problem but how do you bring along a HB QRP rig in carry on luggage? When I bring my laptop or cell phone or HT they ask to have it turned on and look at the display. My HB rigs don't have a display and probably Xray as a box with lots of wires. This probably won't give the security folks a warm fuzzy feeling.

Thanks for any ideas you might have. Steve. K2ZPF/4

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: KR4GL@aol.com
Subject: [18181] Transporting rigs - one experience
Message-ID: <970424174051_418746890@emout09.mail.aol.com>

My HB rigs don't have a display and probably Xray as a box with lots of wires. This probably won't give the security folks a warm fuzzy feeling.

Thanks for any ideas you might have. Steve. K2ZPF/4

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Steve,

I took my Alinco DX-70 to a meeting a little over a year ago after the heightened security procedures were put in place.

I had it in a toolbox with the tuner and key and two 6.5 AH gel cells. It would have looked great going through the X-ray.

At Dulles Intern. Airport I told the ticket counter person that I thought someone should look inside this equipment case "in order to avoid any possible confusion as to the contents."

She closed down and escorted me to the supervisor of the people that man the X-ray and the security entrance. He looked at the stuff as I matter-of-factly pointed out that this is radio transmitting equipment and the batteries for it.

I also pointed out my "FCC license." I had placed a full size copy of my larger format ham license (that I had had laminated) on top of the Alinco, inside the toolbox.

He closed the toolbox and put an "Inspected by security" sticker across the top of the toolbox. He told the ticket counter person not to let me open it on the way back to the ticket counter. We walked back to the ticket counter and the nice lady proceeded to check my toolbox as checked luggage.

Hope that helps.

73 de KR4GL
John Foote
Northern VA

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Jim Lowman <jmlowman@ix.netcom.com>
Subject: [18165] Value of a Used ten-Tec Scout?
Message-ID: <335F9BB7.2D93@ix.netcom.com>

Gang,

Sad to say, our club may be asked to handle the estate sale of the gear of a valued member. Accordingly, we want to be certain that the family gets the most money possible for each item.

We're pretty much in tune with the price for the QRO items, but there is a Ten-Tec Scout model 555 involved. The rig is about one year old, and is in immaculate condition. Our friend is a non-smoker, and has never taken the rig outside his home, other than to bring it to the clubhouse for show-and-tell.

I'd really appreciate it if someone could give me an idea on a fair price.

Thanks in advance, and 72 de Jim - KF6CR

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
Subject: [18126] WBL Design Paddle
Message-ID: <199704240324.WAA08979@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

Gang,

For the past year, since last year's Dayton Hamvention, I have been playing with paddles and pretty much settled in with the V2L from WBL Design, Stan Hails W9WBL owner and machinest and chief bottle washer. I wrote up a review shortly after Dayton and have emailed it to many requesting it and even have reposted it once.

Today was a day at work to get a lot of work done, but the arrival of a new computer to be placed on the desk put my timeline into a tailspin. You know what I mean. Now this computer is supposed to last me at least a year, so hopefully I won't have any down time. Any bounced mail today was caused by me and me alone.

So I call up Phyllis around 4 and tell her that I'm going to be late, but I'll meet her for dinner, then run back to the office to finish up and then get home a little later.

So when I get home at 7:30 and walk into the shack there on the desk is this box. I say to myself that it can't be from Oak Hills as I got the box last Friday from the three items ordered under the group purchase buy. (See that I too like good deals, although I haven't started on them yet :-))). Wonder what it could be? Look at the mailing label and sure enough it's from WBL. I know immediately what it is since I talked to Stan a month ago and he told what he was doing, so just had to have one.

I will have pictures on the web page early Thursday a.m. after I get into the office from the dentist's office.

Stan has outdone himself this time.

I have heard all kinds of complaints about Iambic and Single Lever paddles. Too much tension, not adjustable enough, equal pressure on both sides, and you know as many of the excuses as I do..... Well, I think that Stan has solved most of the problems in one fell swoop!! And in one paddle that is for the dual and the single paddle groups with just one simple adjustment.

The new paddle is the V22. Probably an abbreviation for Vertical Dual Paddle Doubly adjustable. :-)) It is like the V2L but he has added separate tension adjustments

to each individual lever! So for those that want equal or non-equal tensions, you can have your cake and eat it too. Stan also added one more thing and that is a screw that allows you to 'tie' the two paddle levers together so that you can not have both closed at the same time, thus you have a single lever paddle. A real neat trick and so simple too.

The V22 is slightly taller than the V2L and I find that the paddles are just a little too high for my taste even in the lowest position with the two paddles horizontally positioned, but can be placed at an angle to get them lower, so no problem.

OK, the V2L was \$99+\$6S&H and the V22 is \$124+\$6S&H. Order from WBL Design, 6345 Coffman Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268-2591 For orders only (800) 726-8936 and they take MC and Visa. Tell him you heard here on the QRP-L grapevine. I have to check, but the V2L may be a thing of the past, i.e. no longer made.

I don't work for WBL Design and I don't get royalties, advertising fees, etc. I just love his products. I did get serial #1 though, so you gotta order as soon as you can on Thursday and you might get a single digit paddle serial number, but as fast as this group is you never know. :-) I can see that Stan is going to be in trouble as he is probably building as many as he can for Dayton. :-) So for those that gotta have the touchy feely thing before buying and you are going to Dayton, he will have one in the parking lot.

Check the web page Thursday afternoon and see the pictures of the V2L, V22, and the N2DAN paddle. All up close and personal. I'll put the old review of the V2L there also. Electronic archival at its finest.

I will compare with the N2DAN Mercury paddle later on just before Dayton, if I can get on the air enough. The Mercury comes in at \$425, so I know that there won't be a rush on that puppy. :-)

Once, trying to find a way for you to spend your hard earned money.....

I think I'll patent the nickname for the V22 as "vee-two-tee-two". (c) all rights reserved

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Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com
http://reality.sgi.com/employees/adams_dallas/
WIMPS: Qs=026 30m=21 17m=5 12m=0 States=17/05/00 DX=02/00/00 QSLs=005

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Bill Todd <bill@techline.com>
Subject: [18136] WIMPS
Message-ID: <1.5.4.32.19970424062801.0069f554@mail.techline.com>

Boy - I am finally getting on the radio again, after being a good college boy for the past two weeks! I suppose I am getting a little more used to budgeting my time, so I can find the time to get on the radio once and awhile.

Anyway, I bagged two DX stations tonight on 30 meters (on the first try). A JA8, and a few minutes later...a ZL2. Now remember guys, you folks on the East Coast make reports of working Europe or Africa on 30 meters... Well, JA and ZL is sort of OUR Europe (hi).

CUL - Bill-N7MFB
["QRP Forever"]

WIMPS: Qs=05 30m=3 (CA,TX) DX=2 (JA,ZL)-17m=1 (NV) 12m=0 QSLs=000

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Chuck Adams)
Subject: [18168] WTB Steve Weber Spectrum Analyzer
Message-ID: <199704241844.NAA28632@chuck.dallas.sgi.com>

OK Gang,

I know I missed it and I'll regret it, but there is always hope.

Wanted To Buy (WTB) one unassembled Steve Weber SA.
So if you bought one and haven't gotten to it and don't think that you will and you want to part with it, then by all means send me email. Best deal gets the dough.

dit dit

Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com
<http://reality.sgi.com/adams/>
WIMPS: Qs=026 30m=21 17m=5 12m=0 States=17/05/00 DX=02/00/00 QSLs=005

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: timcook@erinet.com
Subject: [18124] WTB: 206 xtal Calib for 509
Message-ID: <335EBBE0.6E22@erinet.com>

Looking to buy the xtal calibrator for the Argo 509. I think it is the 206. Please email direct if you have one. Thanks
Tim
NZ8J

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: timcook@erinet.com
Subject: [18119] WTB: 30m qrp rig
Message-ID: <335EAFA4.543@erinet.com>

Looking for a OHR explorer I or II 30m radio. Or something similar.
Please email direct with any info.
Thaks
Tim
NZ8J

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: "W. D. Lindsey" <70511.3041@compuserve.com>
Subject: [18158] WTB:Argosy 525 Xtal Calibrator
Message-ID: <970424170254_70511.3041_IHD47-1@CompuServe.COM>

Gang:

I have an urgent need for a Xtal Calibrator model #226 for my Argosy 525 (non-digital model). Willing to pay top dollar for it, so please let me know.

BTW, also seeking both a 500hx xtal filter and the CW Audio filter for the same rig. But the highest priority is the Xtal Calibrator.

Many thanks as always for your assistance. I look forward to hearing from someone.

72/73,

--Doc/K0EVZ qrp-l 861 norcal 2050 cqc 414 mn-qrp 19 nj-qrp 69
139 ARRL

ak/qrp

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: wb8ygg@juno.com (Bradley S. Mitchell)
Subject: [18125] Re: (repost) Special Offer, 73
Message-ID: <19970423.205652.12487.0.WB8YGG@juno.com>

----- Begin forwarded message -----

From: wb8ygg@juno.com (Bradley S. Mitchell)
Subject: Re: (repost) Special Offer, 73
From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Bill Todd <bill@techline.com>
Subject: [18134] Re: 73 & World Radio
Message-ID: <1.5.4.32.19970424044823.006a9318@mail.techline.com>

>find one of the ARRL guys (they will be easy, as they will be the only ones
dressed in 3 piece suits) and tell them how much you like the QRP articles
they have >done in the last year, and ask them to find room for a monthly
QRP column.

You're right Doug (hi hi)

You do a very good job in your articles. I like the way you combine reviews
of new rigs one month, then do something about an opperating event, and then
try something else the next month.
A lot of variety!

CUL, Bill-N7MFB

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: "'AB7HI' Stephen Lee" <slee@u.washington.edu>
Subject: [18162] Re: A new ham in our ranks!
Message-ID: <Pine.A41.3.95b.970424095808.70630A-100000@homer29.u.washington.edu>

Congratulations to Rachael, KF6KLI, and her proud papa. I work
the novice 40 meter segment between 7.140 and 7.142. It's the
place of my amateur birth so I visit there often, hi hi. Been
primarily on a straight key since late last summer. The style
here is to send quick with long spaces in between letters.

Wasn't so long ago that I was a tech+ as I've only been licensed for 3 years and a few months. Sometimes it shows in my fist, hi hi.

Get a kick out of working the novice Hams as well as the o'timers. Worked a fellow from Green Valley, AZ, last night...on 7.044MHz.. Orville Underwood, W8BDR. Was quite an honor to work this Ham as he had been licensed since 1921 at the age of 18 years. He's now 94 and still works CW using a bug. I gotta say his ears were darned good too as I was originally QRP at 5 watts. After hearing that he was at 100 watts I went QRO and he said my RST went from 549 to 579.

Will listen for KF6KLI (nice call too, hi hi) and look forward to having a QSO with Rachael. 73 es cul, de AB7HI.

Stephen Lee, AB7HI, Tacoma, WA
slee@u.washington.edu

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Bill Howell <bhowell@mail.utexas.edu>
Subject: [18117] Re: Advice: pulse noise reduction in auto environment
Message-ID: <199704240033.TAA12090@mail.utexas.edu>

If you suspect it may be coming thru the power cord, you might verify by powering the rig from a gell-cell, sitting on the car's floorboard.

If the noise is still there, it's not coming in thru the cars' DC line.

Hope this tip is helpful. Maybe I missed a prior post from you, on this subject.

You Wrote:

Obviously, some comes in thru the power cord. What would YOU recommend as being successful at wiping out noise from spark plugs, etc?

Wrapping the cord...around what material works best?

Bill Howell
University of Texas at Austin
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N5ALO QRP-L #415

everything is sacred
nothing is serious

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>
Subject: [18127] Re: Advice: pulse noise reduction in auto environment
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.970423203044.19412A-100000@vortex>

On Wed, 23 Apr 1997, Scott Rosenfeld NF3I wrote:

> Obviously, some comes in thru the power cord. What would YOU recommend
> as being successful at wiping out noise from spark plugs, etc?

I bought a diesel!! :-)

73, Ron, SOWP 5545M,

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....
....ku7y@sage.dri.edu.....Washoe Lake, Nevada....
....QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Scott Rosenfeld NF3I <ham@w3eax.umd.edu>
Subject: [18129] Re: Advice: pulse noise reduction in auto environment
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9704232233.A18989-0100000@w3eax.umd.edu>

ou're the 2nd person to recommend that :)

* Scott Rosenfeld NF3I Burtonsville, MD FM19mc QRV 80-10/6/2/440 *
*** 6m 75 grids worked on 8 watts *** HF 140 cfmd * QRP-L #147 ***
** QRP ARCI #9054 ** DXCC/WAS/WAC *** 100% dipole powered HF/6m **
* 301-549-1022 h / 301-982-1015 w *** 145.490- 147.225+ PL 156.7 *

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>QRP-L #17...ARS #49...NorCal #330.....NRA LIFE.....
>

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Michael Tracy <mtracy@arrl.org>
Subject: [18115] Re: HAMCALC (tuner.bas)
Message-ID: <335ECA85.3E0@arrl.org>

Stanley Wilson wrote:
> I find that all HAMCALC.ZIP are not equal. I am looking for TUNER.BAS

Stan,
Murph's adaptation of ZL1LE's TUNER.BAS is named TRANSMAT.BAS

For the latest version of HamCalc (27 - sheesh, he sure does update it a lot!) see:

<http://oak.oakland.edu:8080/pub/hamradio/arrl/bbs/programs/hcal-27.zip>

If you need install instructions, grab the text file too (same path, but change the "zip" to "txt").

73, Michael Tracy, KC1SX

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: Michael Tracy <mtracy@arrl.org>
Subject: [18142] Re: HAMCALC (tuner.bas)
Message-ID: <335F872A.377C@arrl.org>

Michael Tracy wrote:
>
> <http://oak.oakland.edu:8080/pub/hamradio/arrl/bbs/programs/hcal-27.zip>

I take that back - it seems that I forgot to send this file over!
Version 15 is there now, but I'll get version 27 on oakland by tomorrow morning.

73, Michael Tracy, KC1SX

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: James Parsons <k5rov1@worldnet.att.net>
Subject: [18163] RE: Help with ZIP file
Message-ID: <335F98B0.1107@worldnet.att.net>

Thanks to all who answered my cry for help. I found the answer by being steered in the right direction by a number of you. I did not have the "Save to disk" block checked. Instead, I had the "Unknown: Prompt user" block checked, and that appeared to be the trouble

Boy, this is some kind of a group. I have never met a bunch of guys and gals so eager to help. I hope it always stays this way. Thanks and best 73 to all who responded!!

--
James (Jim), Parsons, K5ROV
k5rov1@worldnet.att.net
EX: W1RLA, K5FBB, K4FEO, SVOWN (CRETE), SVOWN (RHODES),
DL4NC, DL4JP, KA2FC (JAPAN), KA2JP (JAPAN).
JOHN 3:16

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: george fremin iii <geoiii@bga.com>
Subject: [18121] Re: International Radio Email Address?
Message-ID: <199704240123.UAA02582@zoom.bga.com>

>A good suggestion from Ken, my problem is that my working hours are such
>that I can't make the call while they are open. Is there anyone down
>Fort Pierce, FL way that could call them on a local call, and post the
>Email address (if it exists) to the list?
>72/73, Keith, WB2VUO, QRP-L # 582

>>International Radio and Computers, Inc.
>>sells a variety of crystal filters for Yaesu, Kenwood and Icom.
>>They are an after market dealer and the catalog has a good >selection.
>
>>3804 South U.S. 1
>>Fort Pierce, FL 34982
>>407- 489-0956
>>bus. hours 10 - 5 EST

Not anymore - I would suggest contacting the following:

From: "George Cutsogeorge" <w2vjn@rosenet.net>
Subject: [CQ-Contest] NEWS.
From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
Subject: Jeff's NW8020
From: Joerg lobjg. Behrens/lobroad/eu

If you consider buying Jeff's NW8020 I just want to let you know how impressed I am with Roy's design. The RX (especially with the filter option) is really superb, great sensitivity and lots of audio! (A speaker can be connected at the rear panel.) The TX easily puts out more than 5 watt if you really need (sorry, of course you DON'T... :-). So if you don't want to build your own I believe this is the opportunity to get one! Given the nice manual and great quality of the kit (I've built the EMTECH version) I of course believe you DO want to build your own...! ;-) There are test sections for each group, and if you still should run into a problem there is no better gentleman to help you than Roy!

73 de Joerg (Joerg.Behrens@ubs.com)

Standard disclaimer: I have no links to either Jeff or Roy, but I am extremely satisfied with my EMTECH products and Roy's support.
--MimeMultipartBoundary--

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: mdwatt@usit.net (Marty Watt)
Subject: [18128] Re: MFJ power out
Message-ID: <335e8823.140211449@smtp.usit.net>

On Wed, 23 Apr 1997 16:01:35 -0500 (CDT), "Jeff M. Gold"
<JMG@tntech.edu> wrote:

>I agree. I would check the voltage source. My MFJs (had a bunch)
>all put out 5 watts or more with 12.8 volt or so source.

Dummy Load, 12.8V battery or 13.8V power supply -- all slightly over 2 watts out. Per someone's instructions, I did turn the regulator down to 9.5V from 10.5V, but no change was noted at the power out for either setting ...

>My N38S seems to be sensitive to voltage varying from about 4 to 5
>watts (5 on a 13.8 volt source). I use one of the original Oak
>Hills QRP wattmeters for measurements.. always been fairly

>accurate when I cross checked with other commercial produced
>meters

On the 38S, I may have the output filtering not quite right. The next one will have the "optimum" values. The IRF510 may be questionable as well.

But, I'm not so worried about that.

I'm using an OHR WM-2, which is pretty accurate, so I'm told.

72 es 73 de=20
Marty, KM7W

Jackson, Tennessee e-mail: mdwatt@usit.net
http://www.public.usit.net/mdwatt
"The Curmudgeon's Corner"
NorCal #???? - ARCI #7514 - QRP-L #953 - AK/QRP #098 - Grid EM55oq
~~~~~

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997  
From: RFMooreJr@aol.com  
Subject: [18144] Re: MFJ power out  
Message-ID: <970424100052\_940510171@emout17.mail.aol.com>

Sometimes we forget that the power is a \*square\* function of voltage. So if the transmitter is rated at 5 watts out @ 13.8 volts supply, going down to 12 volts results in:

$$\text{Power out} = (12/13.8)^2 \times 5 = 3.78 \text{ watts}$$

If you really use a 12 volt supply most all of the time, it should be possible to change the design of the output filter to transform the 50 Ohm antenna load down somewhat from its 13.8 v design point. Right now the output transistor probably "sees" about 19 Ohms  $[13.8^2/2/5]$ . This must be reduced to about 14.5 ohms if you want 5 watts out with a 12 volt supply. How you do this depends on the actual filter configuration---pi/tee, number of sections, balun, etc.

Incidentally, these same rules apply when trying to soup up your power with a hotter output transistor. If you already have enough drive to the final (probably the case), you've got to change the output filter "turns ratio" to get more power.

GL++

Bob Moore KV1V

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997  
From: "Thomas J. Whalen" <whalen@swcp.com>  
Subject: [18172] Re: QRPTTF  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.91.970424132622.18847B@kitsune.swcp.com>

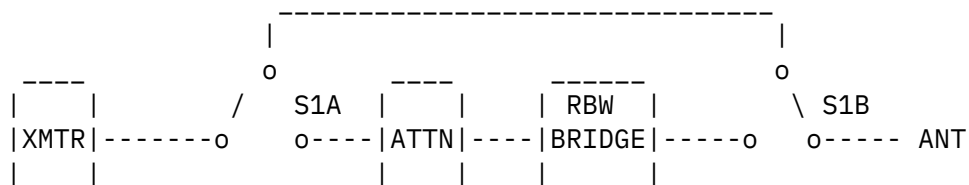
On Thu, 24 Apr 1997, Bob Patten wrote:

> Kinda mundane compared to other postings of wierd operating locations, but...  
>  
> I'll be in there for whatever time I can spend from the Bermuda Triangle  
> (home QTH). Some really wierd stuff DOES go on in Fort Lauderdale...  
>  
> Bob Patten, N4BP  
> Plantation, FL  
> n4bp@shadow.net  
> <http://www.shadow.net/~n4bp/n4bp.htm>  
>  
Hi Bob, hope your signal doesn,t get lost in the "Triangle"! 72, Tom WB5QYT>  
>

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997  
From: JEVERHART@cayman.vf.mmc.com  
Subject: [18156] Re: Rainbow tuner questions  
Message-ID: <970424123450.20674ced@cayman.vf.mmc.com>

Kory,

I wrote a response to you back on April 17 about how to connect up the Rainbow tuner. I made an error in a figure in that response. The corrected figure is below. The mistake was that the arm on S1B was shown normally on the left hand terminal so there would never be a path between the xmtr and antenna.



This same figure appears in Rainbow App Note #8 on the NJQRP web page (<http://www.njqrp.org>). It will be corrected there shortly.



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Chuck Adams K5FO CP-60 adams@sgi.com

<http://reality.sgi.com/adams/>

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From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997

From: "Arjen Raateland, SYKE/YV, puh. 09 4030 0457" <Arjen.Raateland@vyh.fi>

Subject: [18135] Re: Sierra Mods

Message-ID: <01II2S2H7CCA8YBYOR@vyh21.vyh.fi>

Are you sure that this mod is always an improvement? It may change the bias for Q6 very much depending on FET characteristics.

> Some folks have asked for clarification on the mods I posted here; sorry  
> for the incomplete info! I'll try to sketch it out here.  
> The .01 cap and 220 ohm resistor both connect to the output of L11, where  
> you have removed D11 & 12. I used the 'first' old hole for D11 and 'jumped'  
> over to the 'last' hole for D12, where the new components connect to  
> ground. I put the cap across the leads for the resistor, and then soldered  
> the resistor in place.

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>          L11      |////|
>                   |////|
>                   |-----
>                   .01 === |
>                   |      > 220 ohm resistor
>                   |      <
>                   |      |
> ground -----  ---  ----
>                   -      -
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> I hope my lousy symbols come through ok!

> Dan N7CQR

Arjen Raateland

Suomen Ymp ristö keskus / YV

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From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997  
From: talljazz@teleport.com (Dan Presley)  
Subject: [18164] Re: Sierra Mods  
Message-ID: <v01530507af854c842cb7@[206.163.124.27]>

I'll leave this debate to the designers, as this mod is recommended by  
Wilderness radio, and Wayne Burdick (I believe).  
Dan N7CQR

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997  
From: The Diana Family <gmddsr@vivanet.com>  
Subject: [18123] Re: Transporting rigs  
Message-ID: <335EB8D1.3161@vivanet.com>

Stephen Krosner wrote:

>  
> I'm sure that many of you constant travelers have already solved this  
> problem but how do you bring along a HB QRP rig in carry on luggage? When  
--- a few lines deleted for brevity  
>  
> Thanks for any ideas you might have. Steve. K2ZPF/4

Steve -

I've never had a problem with this... good for me,  
but makes you wonder about airport security!

Something to think about: the last couple of years, I've flown  
to the Dayton Hamvention. When you see the massive amounts of  
electronics that gets put on planes when the Hamvention closes,  
well it is amazing. I've never seen anyone held up when carrying  
equipment on-board.

73, Gary N2JGU  
gmddsr@vivanet.com  
<http://www.vivanet.com/~gmddsr>

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997

From: Bernie Doehner <bad@uhf.wireless.net>  
Subject: [18145] Re: Transporting rigs  
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.3.95.970424100452.6166A-100000@uhf.wdc.net>

> > I'm sure that many of you constant travelers have already solved this  
> > problem but how do you bring along a HB QRP rig in carry on luggage? When  
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>

I believe it. But don't ever expect the same at any German international airports. There, no matter how you "declare" your equipment you are subject to vicious questioning/scrutinizing and the gear will most likely be removed from you and shipped as "checked luggage" in a separate bag.

Bernie

From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997  
From: Jim Bennett <jbennett@ebmud.com>  
Subject: [18146] Re: Transporting rigs  
Message-ID: <335F6B63.7870@ebmud.com>

Steve K2ZPF/4 wrote:

> ...how do you bring along a HB QRP rig in carry on luggage?

Steve - last year I took a trip to Maui just three weeks after the TWA plane blew up back East. Security at SFO was unbelievable for any flight going to a foreign country (like Texas) :- ) or to a US possession that would include travel over the ocean. We arrived two hours before our flight and darn near missed it! Anyway, I was carrying my OHR-400, power supply,



keyer, antenna, etc in a carry-on bag. I made sure that I had a screw driver with the equipment. I didn't even pass it through the x-ray stuff.

Told 'em ahead of time it was radio equipment, and they had me open it up and show 'em the insides. No problem. Just be sure you have the ability to open your rig on the spot if they ask.

This is what they did here at SFO. The return trip from Hawaii was a joke.

I told 'em about the electronic stuff at the airport in Maui and all I got was a "that's nice... go ahead and get on the plane"! I don't know what you may encounter in foreign countries.

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Jim Bennett / W6JHB (jbennett@ebmud.com)  
Supervising Systems Programmer  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
Oakland, CA 94607  
voice: 510.287.0224 / fax: 510.287.0373  
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From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997  
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@sage.dri.edu>  
Subject: [18147] Re: Transporting rigs  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.90.970424075826.20795B-100000@vortex>

On Thu, 24 Apr 1997, Jim Bennett wrote:

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> got was a "that's nice... go ahead and get on the plane"!

Hi All,

A friend who "drives" one of the big planes for TWA told me something that made me think.....

NOT ONE plane has been blown up by a pasanger. (Can't remember if he said USA or worldwide, think USA).

Bombs get put on by cargo handlers for a price, as a rule.

So the over reaction to check carry on luggage is just for show!

Another interesting fact.....most of his lower legs are now Stainless Steel and he never sets off any airport detectors! :-)

Happy flying..... (We leave for LV in the am)

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73, Ron,        SOWP 5545M,

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From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997  
From: Bernie Doechner <bad@uhf.wireless.net>  
Subject: [18148] Re: Transporting rigs  
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.3.95.970424111423.6503A-100000@uhf.wdc.net>

> Bombs get put on by cargo handlers for a price, as a rule.

Yes, and I remmember a show like Nightline or Dateline carrying a piece about how weak airport employee security really is and how easy it was for someone to stroll through an airliner (before bording) without ever being asked for ID. They also showed how on the second day on the job the baggage handler (reporter) was asked to work at the security checkpoint (without any prior training).

> So the over reaction to check carry on luggage is just for show!

Of course. But it's also the most "visible" part of the airline security.

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Bernie nu1s

From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997  
From: "Phil, K6LS" <k6ls@amsat.org>  
Subject: [18169] Re: Transporting rigs  
Message-ID: <335F9ED9.267C@amsat.org>

I havent had any problems. You can pack your rigs in the 'checked' bags w/o much problems and for carryon, I have a padded bag with all my ham stuff in. When going thru x-ray, I havent had any problems, I have had the x-ray monitor tech ask me if it was amateur radio stuff! then I said "yes, pretty good call". I have been stopped and searched for a bag that had a couple of 'lead crystal' glasses in them. (actually

it is the only time I have had a bag search).

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73 de Phil, K6LS

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From owner-qrp-l@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997  
From: mdwatt@usit.net (Marty Watt)  
Subject: [18131] Re: WBL Design Paddle  
Message-ID: <335ed71e.160433612@smtp.usit.net>

On Wed, 23 Apr 1997 22:24:51 -0500, adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com  
(Chuck Adams) wrote:

>OK, the V2L was \$99+\$6S&H and the V22 is \$124+\$6S&H.  
>Order from WBL Design, 6345 Coffman Road, Indianapolis,  
>IN 46268-2591 For orders only (800) 726-8936 and=20  
>they take MC and Visa. Tell him you heard here on the  
>QRP-L grapevine. I have to check, but the V2L may be  
>a thing of the past, i.e. no longer made.

I ordered one (V2L) Monday, same price as you quoted (\$104 incl.  
shipping+handling), no problem. Just haven't received it yet ...

I probably should wait a month or so before I say this, but ...

... anybody wanna buy a used set of Benchers?

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Usual disclaimers apply ... ET CETERA, ET CETERA, ET CETERA!

72 es 73 de=20  
Marty, KM7W

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From owner-qrp-1@lehigh.edu Thu Apr 24 18:03:56 1997
From: DYARNES@aol.com
Subject: [18138] Re: WBL Design Paddle
Message-ID: <970424033400_-1969494092@emout16.mail.aol.com>

If anybody hasn't had a chance to see what a V2L looks like, check out the latest issue of CQ. K4TWJ has another column on keys and paddles, and the V2L is one of the featured items. Don't let that "innovative" design turn you off! It is one helluva paddle to use, and beautifully constructed too. It just looks different!

72 de David W7AQK